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### Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder

It is an article of faith with me that an individual is stamped with the identity of the environment that surrounds the individual at the age of four. Having lived the first half dozen years of my life on the other side of the Rocky Mountains, in Colorado, I am drawn to high mountains. Fortunately, I had the good sense to leave the Tenth Circuit and eventually make my way to the Ninth Circuit.



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I travel to Idaho whenever I have the chance, because it has so much beauty and such wonderful people.

We have had memorable Judicial Conferences in Idaho at both Sun Valley and Coeur d'Alene. Last year's conference was arguably the best ever, at Spokane, and also Justice Sandra Day O'Connor went fishing in Idaho.

Indeed the very first Ninth Circuit Conference I ever

attended was in Sun Valley, where I was overwhelmed by the magisterial presence of the now legendary Chief Judge Ray McNichols. (Just as I was later to be overwhelmed by the magisterial intellect of his brother, Bob, a District Judge in Spokane).

The Ninth Circuit knows how important District Judges are — our Chief District Judges meet twice a year. The current Chair of the Chiefs is Idaho's extraordinarily capable Chief Judge, B. Lynn Winmill, and our next meeting is set for June in Sun Valley.

Chief Judge Winmill serves with great distinction on a key committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Information Technology Committee, known affectionately as "IT." He and your District Court Clerk, Cameron Burke, make up one of the great "IT" teams in the country. Cam is a true citizen of the Ninth Circuit, having been purloined by your District from my home base of Phoenix.

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Ms. Boring-Headlee

The recently-formed Idaho chapter of the Federal Bar Association has been recognized for its quarterly newsletter, which is managed by federal court staffer Susie Boring-Headlee on a volunteer basis and on personal time. The Idaho chapter will receive the FBA's 2006 Outstanding Newsletter Recognition Award on Aug. 26, during the national organization's annual meeting and convention in Las Vegas. Ms. Boring-Headlee, who works in the chambers of Idaho Chief District Judge B. Lynn Winmill, serves as editor and publisher of the newsletter. She solicits and edits articles, composes the pages and distributes the newsletter in both print and electronic versions. Contributors have included Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder,

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